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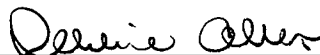
In re Application of:	§	Group Art Unit: 1796
EOFF ET AL.	§	
Serial No.: 10/806,894	§	Confirmation No.: 2392
Filed: MARCH 23, 2004	§	Examiner: FIGUEROA, JOHN J.
Title: "PERMEABILITY MODIFYING DRILLING FLUIDS AND METHODS OF USE"	§	Atty. Docket No: 2001-IP-005267U1P2

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application. This request is being submitted before: (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 17, 2008 (the "Final Office Action"), and the Advisory Action mailed on March 11, 2009 (the "Advisory Action"), Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections. Applicants submit the following:

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which begin on page 2 of this paper and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 7 of this paper.